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For: ACOUSTICAL TILE CONTAINING
WET-STRENGTH RESIN

Examiner: UMAKANT K. RAJGURU

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Responsive to the Office Action of November 26, 2001, applicant requests
reconsideration of all grounds of rejection.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected all claims as
being obvious under 35 USC § 103 based on US Patent 4,549,931 to Adamowicz
et al in view of the Fisher paper entitled "Structure and Wet Strength Activity of
Polyaminoamide-Epichlorohydrin Resins having Azetidinium Functionality"
published by Henkel, US Patent 5,911,818 to Baig and US Patent 5,395,571 to
Symons.

Applicant has discovered that the use of a reactive water-soluble polymer
binder in place of starch in a conventional acoustical ceiling formulation, such as
that described by Baig, can unexpectedly lead to a composition with markedly